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Christensen delivers speech regarding the future of the university

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Students, faculty, alumni and staff gathered in the recital hall of the Strauss Performing Arts Center on Wednesday to hear UNO Chancellor John Christensen give his State of the University address for 2009.

Christensen's speech titled "101 Years: Writing the Next Chapter" focused on the accomplishments UNO has made this year, and also outlined future goals.

Christensen is serving his third year as chancellor. He has also been a faculty member, department chairman, dean and vice chancellor in his 31 years at UNO.

It has been an extraordinary year for the campus, Christensen said. Earlier this year, Chuck Hagel donated his congressional archives to the Criss Library. Within the same week, the newly renovated College of Public Affairs and Community Service building was dedicated and the Health, Physical Education and Recreation building had the ground breaking of its renovation and expansion.

Maverick Village, UNO's fourth residential housing project, opened at maximum capacity last fall with dozens of students on the waiting list to move in at the beginning of the semester.

With the announcement of the Capital Campaign on July 8, the UNMC is in the process of building a 43,000 square foot facility at Northeast Community College in Norfolk, Neb. It has already exceeded its fundraising goal of \$11.9 million.

A new agreement between the UNO Alumni Association and the Nebraska University Foundation will expand efforts for alumni to connect with UNO and support both associations' philanthropic acts.

Currently, 15,300 students call UNO their university, an increase of 3 percent from last year. Christensen said such successes do not happen by accident and that the faculty and staff are responsible for making the campus such a welcoming environment.

About 10 percent of UNO students live on campus. Christensen said the university will probably never be a fully residential campus. However, supply and demand to meet the needs of students seeking a metropolitan experience continues to be monitored.

The Board of Regents has approved UNO's request to own and operate University Village. While the decision still awaits approval from the Higher Education Commission, Christensen hopes UNO will be able to provide students with improved service and maintenance.

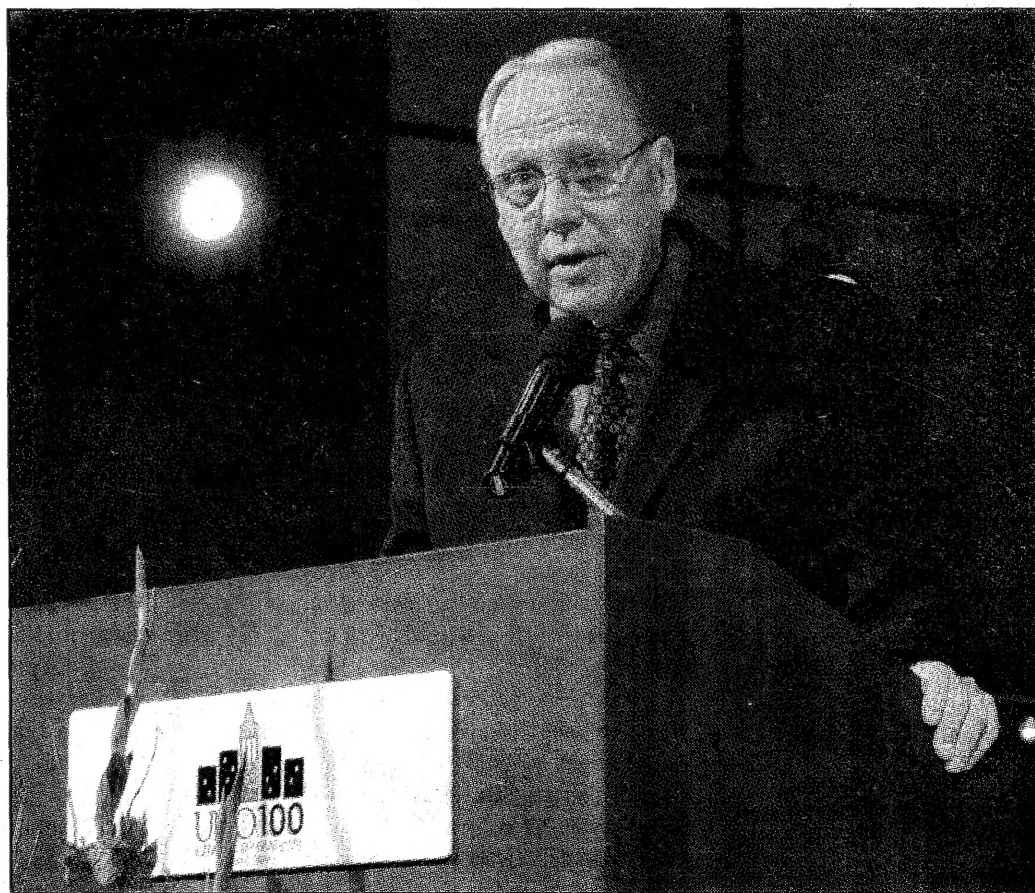
"Milo Bail continues to make improvements as the campus kitchen and living room," Christensen said.

Recent renovations to the food court have added a sleek look and greater variety to the menu.

The Career Center and the Office of Multicultural Affairs relocated from the Eppley Administration building to the student center, creating an ideal location for UNO's commitment to serve students both before and after graduation, Christensen said.

The move of Multicultural Affairs reflects UNO's increasingly diverse student body. With 16 percent of students being either ethnic minorities or international students, UNO is hosting the most diverse student body in its history.

Work is in progress on Mammel Hall, the new College of Business Administration building. Carl and Joyce Mammel, for whom the new building is named, were



Chancellor John Christensen speaks about the current and future state of the university on Wednesday at the Strauss Performing Arts Center. (JOE SHEARER/THE GATEWAY)

present at the speech.

Plans to renovate Roskens Hall for the College of Education will begin next summer, projecting an additional 35,000 square feet.

The construction of HPER is progressing ahead of schedule, reflecting "our commitment to campus health and recreation and vibrant campus life," Christensen said.

Christensen ended his speech by looking to the future. By 2020, he hopes to see an athletics building, additional student

housing, better transportation for the West Center campus, another parking structure on Dodge and a radio and television addition to the Weber Fine Arts building.

"Ambitious? Perhaps. But these goals are not only achievable, they are necessary," Christensen said. "Let it be said 100 years from now, we took a good university and made it great. And don't forget — we are the Mavericks."

Bounce-a-thon 2009 raises funds, food, spirits

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Members of UNO's chapter of the

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity bounced on a trampoline for 48 consecutive hours from midnight on Oct. 5 to midnight on Oct. 7 to raise money for the North American Food Drive. The members even

bounced through the night, switching out in four-hour shifts.

Fifteen active fraternity members participated, as well as 11 new recruits and members of the Alpha Xi Delta sorority.

The Bounce-A-Thon happened in the Pep Bowl, next to the fraternity's Homecoming float. It was sponsored by Monster energy drink. Donors received a can of Monster for their contributions.

"It draws more attention since we have our camper and our huge pirate ship float," said Patrick McNary, 21, Lambda Chi Alpha's social chair and public relations coordinator. "We bounce to raise money and awareness [of hunger in our area]."

The food drive is a national effort carried out by Lambda Chi Alpha chapters to raise food and monetary donations for local communities, according to the national Lambda Chi Alpha Web site.

In 2008, the nation's Lambda Chi Alpha chapters collectively gathered 415,000 pounds of food for needy families. UNO's chapter alone raised 24,

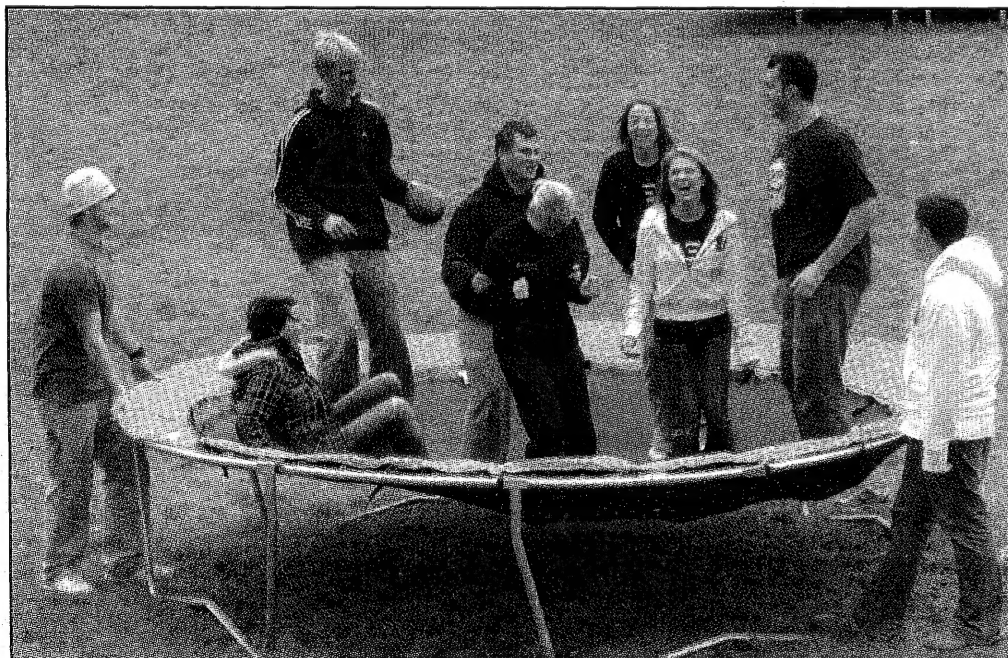
849 pounds through on-campus donations and a partnership with the Mid-America Council, Boy Scouts of America. So far this year, the chapter has raised \$425, and will continue collecting at Saturday's football game.

This year is UNO's seventh year participating in the North American Food Drive.

"I had fun, Bounce-A-Thon is always fun," said Kevin Peatrowsky, 20, a Lambda Chi Alpha member. "My favorite thing to do is when people walk by the table, I'll tell them if they donate \$5, I'll get one of the guys to do a back flip. That worked pretty well."

Many passersby wanted to jump on the trampoline, Peatrowsky said, but for liability reasons, only Lambda Chi Alpha and Alpha Xi Delta members were allowed to jump.

"However, everybody I asked to donate said they were glad we were doing it for this good cause," Peatrowsky said. "Even the people who couldn't donate said they were so happy to see us doing this."



Members of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity and Alpha Xi Delta sorority bounce to raise funds for the Omaha Food Bank in the Pep Bowl on Tuesday. (ANDREA CIUREJ/THE GATEWAY)

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Women's Resource Center brings domestic violence awareness month close to home

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One in three women will be abused by a romantic partner during her lifetime. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and UNO's Women's Resource Center is on a mission to lessen that number.

The center is holding a cell phone donation drive during the month of October with the Circle of Brotherhood to provide cell phones for abused women to call 911 in emergency situations.

In addition, the center hosted several speakers in the Milo Bail Student Center on Wednesday for "Close to Home," a presentation about domestic violence.

Sue Michalski, a representative of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council of Greater Omaha, spoke to students about the prevalence of domestic violence, how it evolves in relationships and ways to help individuals in abusive relationships.

She also addressed several misconceptions about domestic violence, challenging the audience to describe a typical victim.

"Do they look strong? Do they have visible injuries?" she said.

She said anyone can be a victim of domestic violence, male or female, and his or her injuries aren't always easy to see.

"There's no way to tell who's being victimized," Michalski said. "It could be a classmate, a friend."

Outright physical violence is usually the final stage of the long and deliberate process of abuse. Abusers will often spend the early parts of the relationship gaining a partner's trust and learning his or her strengths and weaknesses.

They then begin what Michalski calls "methodic isolation" by separating the victims from friends, family or anyone who is in a position to help. Abusers may even go as far as physical relocation, moving

their partner and themselves across the country.

For Mary Stumbaugh, a survivor of domestic violence, her family's move to Texas shattered her support network and provided her abusive husband with almost unlimited control over her. Leaving was hard, partially because no one believed her husband was capable of physically hurting her.

"Everybody loved him," Stumbaugh said. "They never imagined that he would do something like that to me. [They thought] I must have done something wrong, not him."

Stumbaugh eventually left her abusive relationship. Not for herself, but for the sake of her two daughters.

"I didn't want them to think that that was normal... It's a cycle, and I'm fearful that even with all this counseling I'll end up in another violent relationship," Stumbaugh said.

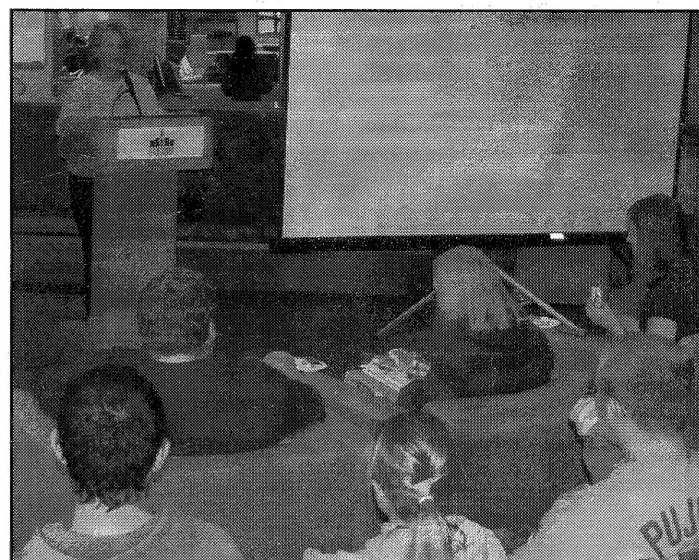
Children are often a strong motivator for leaving bad relationships, Michalski said, and fears of falling in with an abuser again are justified.

"Perpetrators have built-in radar," she said. "They see something in you they want to challenge."

To prevent their partner's escape, abusers will frequently employ guilt tactics, blaming problems on the victim, promising to behave better or even threatening suicide, which Michalski warns is more often a threat of homicide.

"They're saying they can't live without you," she said. "What they're really saying is they won't let you live without them."

Victims might make several attempts to leave the relationship before actually



Students listen to Sue Michalski of the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council during a presentation about domestic violence on Wednesday. (MIKE BELL/THE GATEWAY)

managing to get out. For their friends it can be a frustrating experience, but Michalski urges patience.

"Don't tell them they have to leave, just ask them what it is they need," Michalski said.

She also stresses that victims should never try to go "toe-to-toe" with their abusers because this can lead to an escalation of violence and potentially death.

The Women's Resource Center on campus can offer referrals, information and most importantly, a safe space for victims of domestic violence.

"First and foremost, victims need to realize that this is not their fault," said Rachel Tomlinson Dick, director of the Women's Resource Center. "Perpetrators often blame the victim, but no one deserves to be abused."

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Minturn is a member of the African Culture Connection and said she attends the class on a regular basis.

"I think everyone should try West African dance because it's a really upbeat, energetic type of dance," Minturn said. "It can be really addictive. You get a crazy good workout – better than in an aerobics class."

While the class is only an hour long, those involved hope to get the bigger message out to students and the Omaha community.

"If we don't do this, the traditional dance [of Western Africa] will disappear," Ahovissi said.

The beginning dance class is held every Friday at 6 p.m. The advanced dance class, which often learns choreography for special performances during the year, is held at 7 p.m. The African drumming class is offered every Saturday at 10 a.m. All classes are taught in room 231 of the HPER Dance Lab and are each an hour long. The cost is \$5 per student per session or \$10 for the general public. For more information about Ahovissi or the class, visit africancultureconnection.org.

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DinoNights where visitors are welcome to stay until dark.

"We know that people learn in various ways, so we provide a lot of different learning opportunities for people of all ages," Huffman said. "And one of the things we really loved about DinoQuest is that it really expanded our mission of special education and conservation beyond the forest to the world and time period of the past so that it really is a big-picture, conservation message."

Huffman has enjoyed watching people's reactions to the exhibit, especially considering that the event has been more successful than originally anticipated. Visitors from all over the nation showed up in Bellevue eager to see the exhibit, and the Nature Center has given out

many new memberships.

"So many people, especially kids, love dinosaurs, so it's been really nice to see people always get excited," Huffman said. "From the time, they enter the door because they know it's dinosaurs, so they're already excited. But then to see them step out into the forest and experience these creatures in a prehistoric forest, recreated, it's really amazing to see the various reactions, from young children's eyes widening in amazement to even adults becoming interested in dinosaurs and prehistoric subjects that they may have never really been interested in before. That had been a great experience, to see the prehistoric world come alive for so many people."

The Fontenelle Forest Nature Center hosts exhibits every one to two years, she said, and she hopes to see the exhibit

return.

"We're looking at possibly bringing the dinosaurs back in 2011, and at that time it would be a different set of dinosaurs to provide that have been here and loved it with a new set of dinosaurs to learn about," Huffman said. "I just really invite anyone who's interested in natural resources, conservation, education and non-profit organizations to come down to the forest and really experience it for themselves. It's such a unique place that I think, even if a person isn't prepared for what a wonderful place it will be, they will soon find out."

The exhibit will run until Oct. 31. Fontenelle is open daily 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and until 8 p.m. on DinoNight Thursdays. Admission is \$7 per person over 2 years of age. For more information about this exhibit or Fontenelle Forest Nature Center, visit fontenelleforest.org.

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UNO wins exhibition 2-1 over Lethbridge

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PHOTO EDITOR

The Mavericks hockey team skated away with a 2-1 victory Monday night over the University of Lethbridge in an exhibition game at the Qwest Center. The game proved to be much closer than past exhibitions, but a couple of third period goals helped the Mavs pull away after being behind for most of the game.

"We had our opportunities to score more than two goals," head coach Dean Blais said. "I guess we're happy to only give up the one [goal]."

Sophomore forward John Kemp scored the Mavs' first goal of the year to knot the game at one before junior defenseman Nick Von Bokern gave the Mavs the lead with five minutes left in the game.

"We felt like we were controlling most of the play throughout the game," Kemp said.

The University of Lethbridge, located in southern Alberta, Canada, was playing its third game in three days and started fast. The Pronghorns opened up the scoring 14:14 into the first period on a shot that deflected off a UNO player's stick. Lethbridge's Andrew Marshall received credit for the goal.

"They've got a couple more weeks of practice underneath them," Von Bokern

said. "But then again, we expect to win every night and win decisively."

Despite out-shooting Lethbridge 28-9 through the first two periods, the Mavs failed to score entering the third period. Chalk it up to first-game jitters and a hot opposing goaltender.

"You just have to keep being persistent," Von Bokern said. "Early in the season, you just want to get the shots there and get opportunities, and goals will come with it."

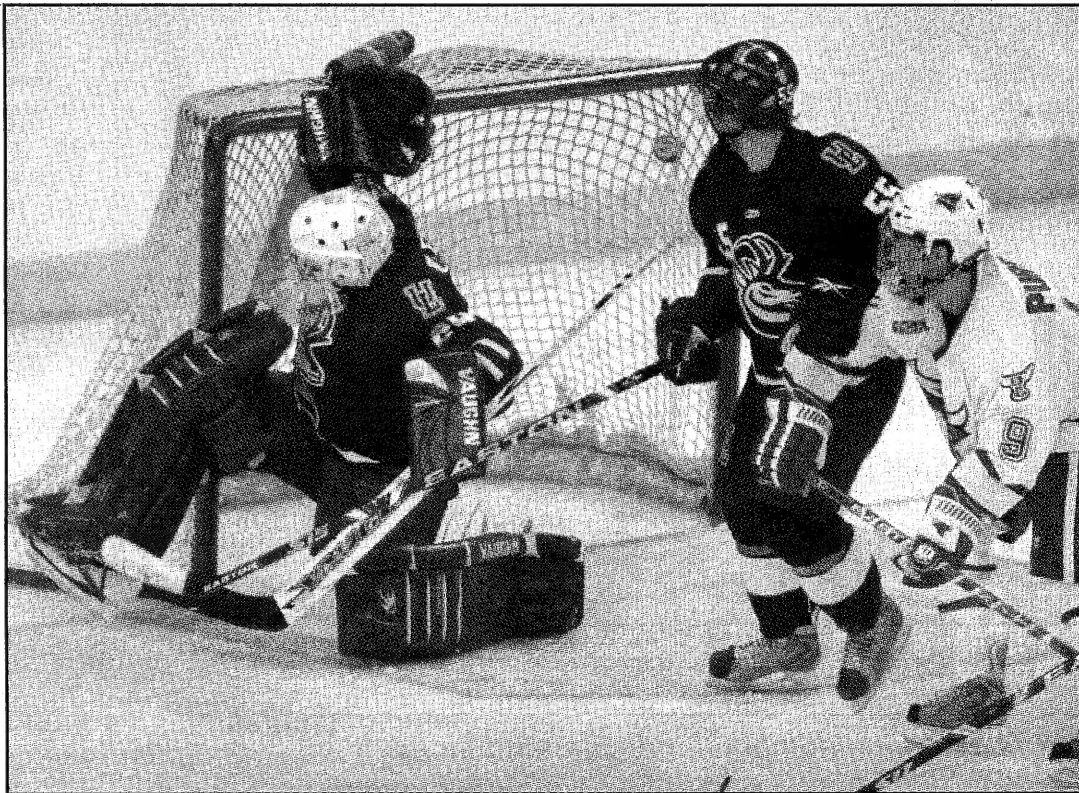
Blais also acknowledged the team's rustiness, especially after only one full day of practice.

"It was sloppy at times, but first game you can't be greedy," Blais said. "At times tonight we passed the puck when we should have shot, and missed the net when we should have hit it."

UNO finally got on the board when Kemp snapped a wrist shot past goalie Scott Bowles 4:33 into the third period. Terry Broadhurst and Rich Purslow picked up the assists.

"To help the team, it was nice," Kemp said.

With the crowd energized, UNO scored again with more than five minutes left in the game. Von Bokern scored the power-play goal on a slap shot from just inside the



UNO's John Kemp (not pictured) sends the puck into the back of the net past University of Lethbridge goaltender Scott Bowles during Monday's exhibition game. Looking on is Lethbridge's Andrew Marshall and UNO's Rich Purslow. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

blue line. Dan Swanson and Jordan Willert were credited with the assists.

After the game, Blais explained how the first game went for him.

"I'm still learning the line combinations and how the guys play," Blais said.

Von Bokern also explained how it's different playing for coach Blais.

"It's a different mentality," he said. "A 180 from where we used to be."

SEE **HOCKEY**: PAGE 6

Experienced senior class leading Mavs to early success

MICHELLE BISHOP
PHOTO EDITOR

After losing just one senior from last year's team, head coach Rose Shires has one of her largest senior classes and the experience that group brings to the court is beginning to show off.

With six seniors, the most since the 2005 season when five graced the roster, league coaches picked the Mavs in a tie for fourth with Truman State in the preseason poll.

In the talent-rich Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association, nabbing one of the top spots in the 11-team conference is quite an honor. The MIAA has five top 25 teams, including three in the top 10.

In UNO's second season of MIAA play, the 15th-ranked Mavs currently sit second in the conference standings. Heading into last weekend UNO was tied with No. 4 Central Missouri for first, but the Mavs sat idle over the weekend and the Mules slid into sole possession of the top spot.

Even though UNO is just six games into a 20 game MIAA schedule, the Mavs are beginning to turn heads around the league after wins over then No. 6 Washburn and then No. 22 Pittsburg State.

"I don't know that honestly Emporia or Central Missouri or Pittsburg State or Washburn really thought that we'd be at completely their caliber," Shires said. "But I think they believe that now."

Some would say the Mavs are exceeding expectations this season, but others had likely seen it coming after UNO pushed ranked opponents to five game sets and pulled off upsets over others last year.

"We started to turn heads last year beating some high ranked teams," senior Ellen Thommes said. "We know we're just as likely to win the conference as any other team."

The leadership experience the current senior class gained last season while helping shoulder the remaining load from departed senior Annie Rice has become evident on the court.

"We were right there on the cusp in so many games last year of pushing the top teams and really just turning

the corner," Shires said. "When that pressure point happened in the match last year we could not sustain our competitive confidence."

UNO dropped five five-set matches last season, while winning just two. This year UNO is 2-2 in five-set contests, and each of those wins have been against ranked foes.

"This year we not only sustain it, but we thrive in that moment," Shires said. "There's so many times we've been behind at 22-20 against a top five, top 10 team. We just stay in it and keep playing hard and come and win."

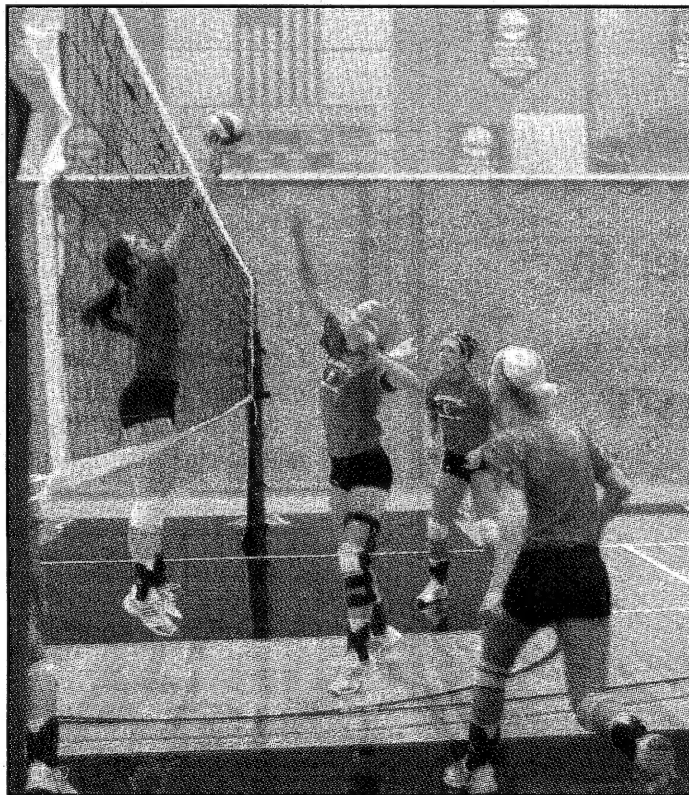
UNO, which finished last season 16-16 overall and 12-8 in the MIAA, started the 2009 season on a red-hot streak.

The Mavs jumped out to a 4-0 start after sweeping

through the UNO Volleyball Showcase. After two losses at the Florida Southern Classic, UNO again picked up steam after winning four more in the UNO Volleyball Classic.

In their last match, the Maverick express was slowed down as then No. 3 Emporia State snapped UNO's nine game winning streak with a 3-2 loss on Sept. 26.

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Senior Ellen Thommes (left) goes up for a block during practice last week. The Mavs are currently No.15 in the AVCA national ranking. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

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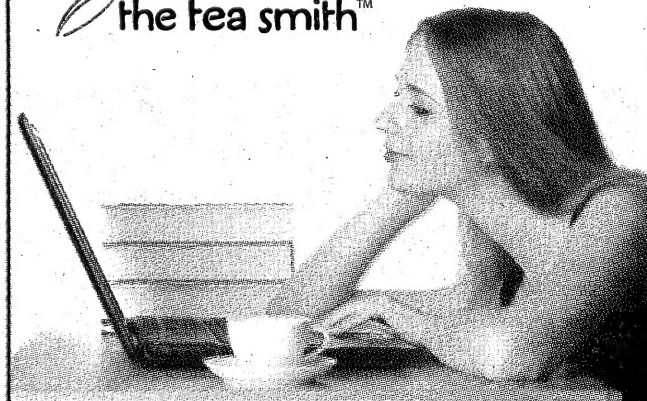
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Senior goaltender Jeremie Dupont made the start in goal for the Mavs, giving up one goal on seven shots in roughly 30 minutes of play. Redshirt freshman John

Faulkner relieved Dupont and earned the win with five saves.

Action resumes Friday at the Qwest Center when UNO hosts Army. The puck drops at 7:35 p.m.



UNO goaltender Jeremie Dupont stretches to make the save as Lethbridge's Austin Davenport crashes the net during Monday's exhibition game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

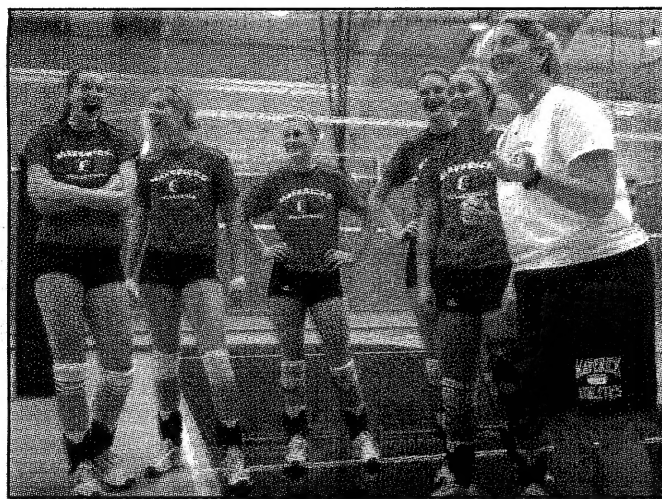
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With more than a week off to practice, Shires said the Mavs are working on blocking and improving their consistency in hitting shots.

"We noticed we're swinging maybe 20 to 30 times more than our opponent each match, even though we have just as good or if not better hitting percentage," Shires said. "We want to be able to hit better shots and be able to score on our first opportunity versus waiting and relying on a rally to do it."

UNO returns to action this weekend at 7 p.m. Friday against Missouri Western and 5 p.m. Saturday against No. 21 Truman State. A key road match follows on Oct. 15 when the Mavs face fourth-ranked Central Missouri.

If UNO continues to roll through its opponents, the Mavericks might prove to be one of the best teams Shires has seen in 20 years of coaching at UNO.



Head Coach Rose Shires shares a laugh with her players during practice last week. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Mavs dominate season-opening meet against UNK

ANDREA CIUREJ
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Individual performances highlighted a strong showing for the Mavs in a season-opening pentathlon against UNK on Oct. 2.

Although the meet wasn't scored, the Mavs dominated in-state rival UNK at UNO's Health, Physical Education and Recreation pool.

Swimmers had the opportunity to compete in several events at the meet.

Senior Tessa Edwards took first in the 100-yard butterfly with a time of 1:03.22. Freshman Ashton Porter was only seconds behind at 1:03.30. Junior Laura Kemp placed third at 1:03.62.

Sophomore Amy Bechdolt out swam her teammates in the 100-yard backstroke in a time of 1:01.89. Sophomore Ariel Lahowetz placed second at 1:04.07, while junior Cait Hopkins placed third at 1:04.99.

Hopkins then claimed the top spot in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.33. Junior Lucy Zamecnik was only .34 seconds behind at 25.67, and senior Lisa Elworth placed third at 25.86.

In the 100-yard breaststroke, freshman Chelsea Hartman posted the best time at 1:12.94. Zamecnik fell a full second short of first place, with a

time of 1:13.94. Hopkins finished third with a time of 1:15.42.

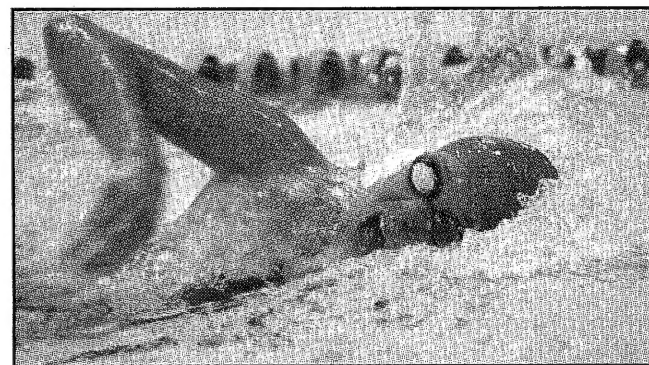
Hopkins continued to pace the Mavs, snagging the top spot again in the 100-yard freestyle at 54.84. Elworth finished next at 55.48, while Zamecnik finished seconds later at 55.53.

Kemp topped off the 400-yard individual medley with a strong showing, despite a hip injury. She placed first with a time of 4:46.93. Hopkins placed behind Kemp at 4:55.30, followed by Porter at 5:00.02.

Although the Mavs are heating up the pool, teamwork has been a top priority this season.

"I know last year we had a lot of troubles with cheering a lot," Kemp said, "but we're hoping this year there's a lot more support in the water."

Kemp said the team is working on setting more goals.

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Freshman Katie Maier finished fourth in the 100-yard breaststroke on Friday. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

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Mavs, Lancers create hockey buzz in Omaha

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PHOTO EDITOR

For hockey fans in Omaha, the 2009-10 season couldn't come soon enough. Two major announcements set the stage for an exciting fall.

In February, the Lancers announced the team was moving back across the river to play at the Civic Auditorium. In June, the Mavericks announced the hiring of legendary head coach Dean Blais.

In the past, the teams proved they could hold their own in a city that loves amateur sports, so the Lancers are hoping fans flock to fill the Civic after seven years of playing in Council Bluffs. The closing of the Ak-Sar-Ben Coliseum in 2002 sent the team to the Mid-America Center, where attendance began to decline after years of sellouts at the Ak.

If Saturday night's game was any

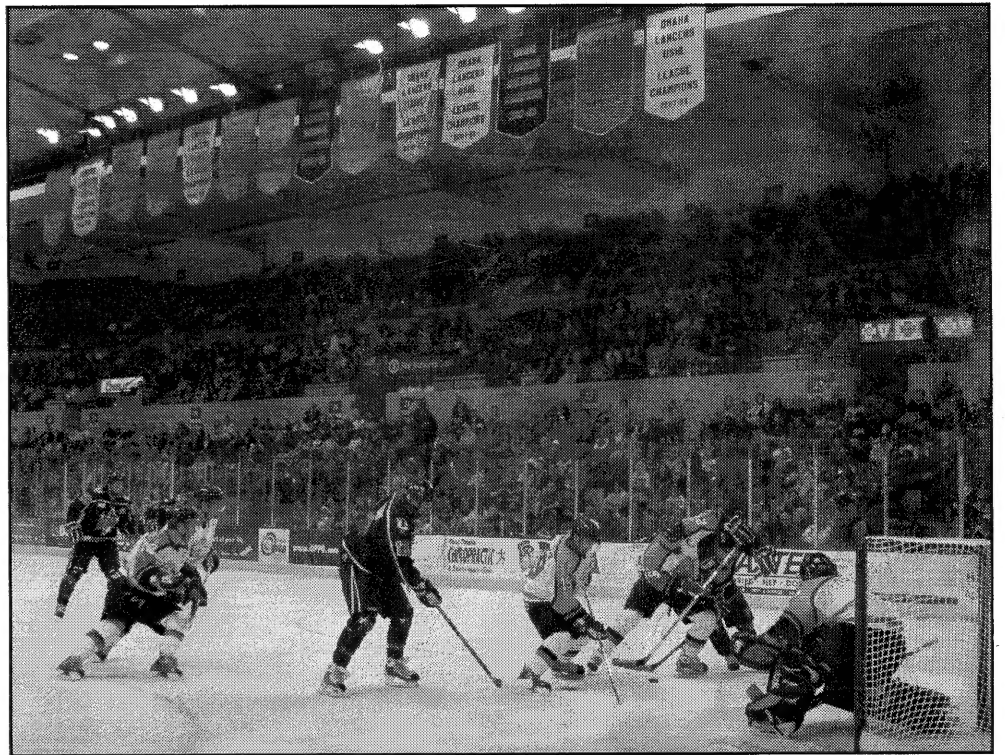
indication, support for the Lancers should continue to be strong. The Lancers' home opener attracted 4,399 fans. The team only plans to sell lower bowl seats, with about 4,200 available, but overflow fans trickled into the upper part of the Civic on Saturday night.

Junior defensemen Nick Von Bokern and Mike Phillippi, who were in attendance along with Blais and other members of the UNO coaching staff, both said they were very impressed with the atmosphere and turnout.

"They packed the bottom pretty well and people seemed to be enjoying the new venue," Von Bokern said. "People were just generally excited to see hockey come back and the season to start back up."

While some might think the teams compete for fans, it tends to be the opposite. Maverick fans often stop by United States Hockey League games to see future recruits, while fans from the surrounding USHL teams can catch their former stars playing D-I pucks at the Qwest Center.

"We hope to work closely with UNO to cross promote the two hockey programs, eliminating duplication of weekend games when possible and hopefully increasing attendance for both



A crowd of 4,399 attended the Lancers' home opener against Tri-City Saturday at the Civic. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)



The Lancers' Matt White, a UNO commitment, carries the puck up ice while Tri-City's Adam Hout defends during Saturday's game at the Civic. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

programs," Lancers owner Ben Robert said in a statement.

Phillippi and junior forward Matt Ambroz both have younger brothers that skate for the Lancers. Phillippi said he enjoys having the opportunity to watch his brother's games on this side of the river.

Dressed in throwback sweaters, the Lancers kicked off the Civic era with a 3-1 win over the Tri-City Storm. Two current Lancers are UNO recruits, Matt White and Omaha native Nick Oddo.

"It was just a good environment for the team and I'm happy we came out with the win," goaltender Joe Phillippi

said. "We're just really excited to be back in Omaha, hopefully we'll keep getting some fans here, especially versus Lincoln."

The team's schedules are staggered so three home dates overlap, including Saturday night. UNO hosts Michigan at 7:05 p.m. on Feb. 13 and the Lancers host Chicago for a 4:05 p.m. afternoon tilt, setting up a hockey doubleheader for interested fans.

"It's great for the city and for both hockey clubs to have both around," Von Bokern said. "The hockey buzz in town is just crazy right now. It's helping us both out."

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"We're going to try to set a lot more goals...discuss what our vision is as a team and what our individual ones are," Kemp said, "and just make sure we all support each other like that in every meet and that we're shooting toward those goals and we're doing everything in practice that we can to get there."

Elworth said one of the team's goals is to win conference.

"It's not about our win-loss record," Elworth said. "It's about the end of the year. All of the teams that come are rivals of us, they've swam against us for years."

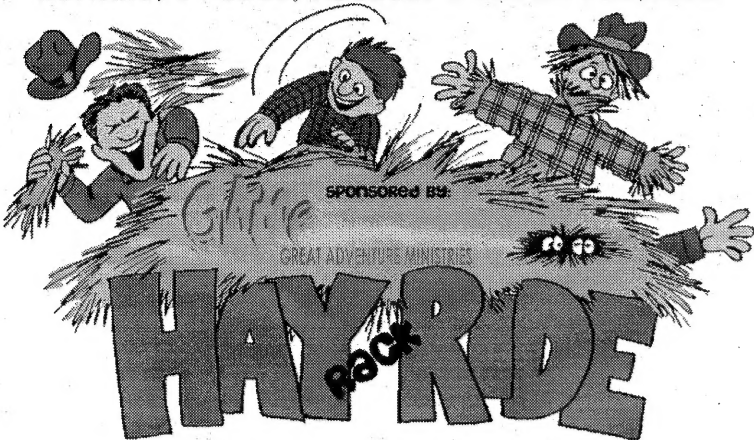
Another goal is to have as many girls attend nationals as possible, she said.

"If you just get through on a relay, you still get that experience and exposure," Elworth said.

Head coach Todd Samland said the Mavs are focusing on being a more well-rounded team, as opposed to other seasons, which lacked unity.

"I don't mean that we have to win everything," Samland said. "We want to be a team where the fans can look down and say, 'Wow, those are some nice girls, these are some good swimmers and good people.'"

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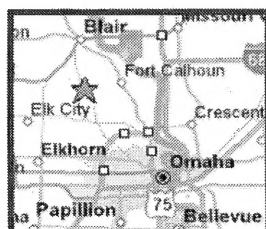
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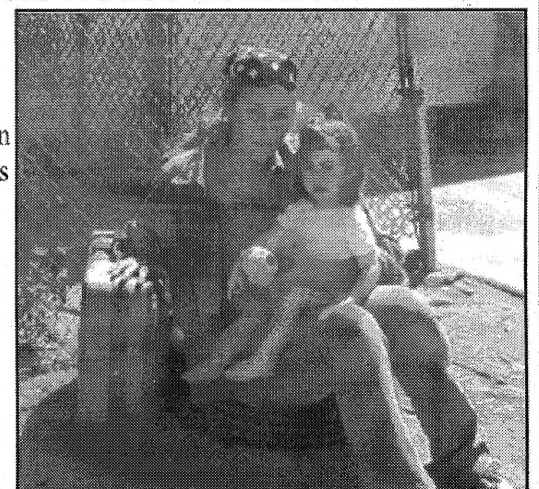


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Hot summer soil

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Now that the weather is hot, we start shedding our clothes. By the cool fountains sit all day all night, watched the church goers they come and they go. Wonder when it will be my turn. I want to find someplace in the back, far from the watchful eye of God. I think I lost that a long time ago, yeah i think the music is why i keep coming back. When the organ's mournful voice sings and swells, life can do me no harm. When those angels turn to gold, when their bronze eyes meet mine, That's when I stand. That's when I realize it's time to go. We made love on the cold kitchen floor, and I knew for certain you hated me then. I closed my eyes and you, you watched me die. Put the coffee pot on, open up a pack of old cigarettes. Possible disasters whispered on the news, your eyes glued to the television set,

while I try to find my shoes. You say "this means nothing, we can still be friends. Tonight was OK but now this must end." Well, I'm laughing now and i hope you don't mind. honey, you've got to sweep the dust from your eyes. This is the truth that you and I despise. With my nails in your back, you are the sweetest of summer songs. When your safety surrounds me, life can do me no harm. You opened your mouth, that's when I poured the cement. Sealed shut, the life I'm still too broken to mend. LAY DOWN YOUR LIFE. FOR THESE POISONS. THESE BRIEF MOMENTS OF BLISS. Followed by a week, seven nights of hopeless inadequacy, stumble around, lie your head down beg for the lifeboat to carry you home. Sooner or later we hate what we used to adore.

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